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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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IN RE: Public Water System #3250011
Suburban Water System
a/k/a Blacksgate Bundrick Subdivision

PETITION TO ABANDON
PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

2005-304-W

Suburban Water Company ("Petitioner") hereby petitions the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") for permission to abandon Public Water System #325001, Suburban Water System, also known as Blacksgate Bundrick Subdivision. The Petitioner currently serves approximately 20 customer accounts. These customers have been informed that the Petitioner is seeking permission to abandon the system as soon as practicable and that they must find an alternative source of water (Copies of all customer letters, Exhibit 1). Petitioner is working with customers and the Department of Health and Environmental Control to find an alternative water provider for the remaining customers.

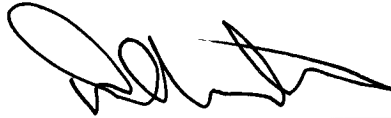
The basis for this petition is as follows:

- 1) The system is in need of immediate repair and Petitioner is unable to afford the cost of repairs;
- 2) The system is without an operator of appropriate grade as required by state regulations and Petitioner is unable to afford the cost of an operator;

- 3) The system is the subject of an enforcement action by the Department of Health and Environmental Control at whose direction this petition is being filed (Consent Agreement, Exhibit 2); and,
- 4) Petitioner is no longer a viable company capable of being financially responsible for the water system.

Respectfully submitted,

SUBURBAN WATER COMPANY



Darren E. Stevens
Owner
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071
(803) 356-5702

**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

Herman & Betty Hammond
119 Edgewater Lane
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hammond:

As you are aware, I have been unable to adequately operate and maintain the public water system that currently provides water to your residence in the Blacksgate Bundrick Subdivision. Suburban Water Company has been the subject of enforcement actions by the Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") for the past several years. I have not provided an operator to ensure that the water is safe and to issue boil water advisories in the case of line breaks. In addition, certain repairs have been ordered by DHEC and I have been unable to make such repairs. As a result, I have reached an agreement with DHEC to close the water system to public use. I am petitioning the Public Service Commission ("PSC") today to abandon the water system based upon the agreement with DHEC and the financial condition of the company.

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Sincerely,



Darren Stevens
Owner, Suburban Water Company

cc: Charles Terreni, Public Service Commission
Karen Ramos, DHEC

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**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

Robert & Joanna Christofoli
1241 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Christofoli:

As you are aware, I have been unable to adequately operate and maintain the public water system that currently provides water to your residence in the Black's Gate Bundrick Subdivision. Suburban Water Company has been the subject of enforcement actions by the Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") for the past several years. I have not provided an operator to ensure that the water is safe and to issue boil water advisories in the case of line breaks. In addition, certain repairs have been ordered by DHEC and I have been unable to make such repairs. As a result, I have reached an agreement with DHEC to close the water system to public use. I am petitioning the Public Service Commission ("PSC") today to abandon the water system based upon the agreement with DHEC and the financial condition of the company.

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Darren Stevens
Owner, Suburban Water Company

cc: Charles Terreni, Public Service Commission
Karen Ramos, DHEC

**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

Mr. Ed Billings
2117 Beaver Lane
West Columbia, S. C. 29169

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

Dear Mr. Billings:

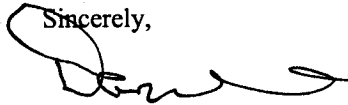
As you are aware, I have been unable to adequately operate and maintain the public water system that currently provides water to your residence at 140 Bundrick Road in the Black's Gate Bundrick Subdivision. Suburban Water Company has been the subject of enforcement actions by the Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") for the past several years. I have not provided an operator to ensure that the water is safe and to issue boil water advisories in the case of line breaks. In addition, certain repairs have been ordered by DHEC and I have been unable to make such repairs. As a result, I have reached an agreement with DHEC to close the water system to public use. I am petitioning the Public Service Commission ("PSC") today to abandon the water system based upon the agreement with DHEC and the financial condition of the company.

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Sincerely,



Darren Stevens
Owner, Suburban Water Company

cc: Charles Terreni, Public Service Commission
Karen Ramos, DHEC

**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

Mr. Warren Holland
130 Bundrick Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

Dear Mr. Holland:

As you are aware, I have been unable to adequately operate and maintain the public water system that currently provides water to your residence and other properties (121 Bundrick Road and 138 Edgewater Lane) in the Blacksgate Bundrick Subdivision. Suburban Water Company has been the subject of enforcement actions by the Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") for the past several years. I have not provided an operator to ensure that the water is safe and to issue boil water advisories in the case of line breaks. In addition, certain repairs have been ordered by DHEC and I have been unable to make such repairs. As a result, I have reached an agreement with DHEC to close the water system to public use. I am petitioning the Public Service Commission ("PSC") today to abandon the water system based upon the agreement with DHEC and the financial condition of the company.

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Darren Stevens
Owner, Suburban Water Company

cc: Charles Terreni, Public Service Commission
Karen Ramos, DHEC

**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

Donnie & Cindy Hurley
245 Porth Circle
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hurley:

As you are aware, I have been unable to adequately operate and maintain the public water system that currently provides water to your residence and other property located at 105 Edgewater Lane in the Blacksgate Bundrick Subdivision. Suburban Water Company has been the subject of enforcement actions by the Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") for the past several years. I have not provided an operator to ensure that the water is safe and to issue boil water advisories in the case of line breaks. In addition, certain repairs have been ordered by DHEC and I have been unable to make such repairs. As a result, I have reached an agreement with DHEC to close the water system to public use. I am petitioning the Public Service Commission ("PSC") today to abandon the water system based upon the agreement with DHEC and the financial condition of the company.

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Sincerely,



Darren Stevens
Owner, Suburban Water Company

cc: Charles Terreni, Public Service Commission
Karen Ramos, DHEC

**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

John and Susan Wooten
147 Bundrick Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wooten:

As you are aware, I have been unable to adequately operate and maintain the public water system that currently provides water to your residence in the Blacksgate Bundrick Subdivision. Suburban Water Company has been the subject of enforcement actions by the Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") for the past several years. I have not provided an operator to ensure that the water is safe and to issue boil water advisories in the case of line breaks. In addition, certain repairs have been ordered by DHEC and I have been unable to make such repairs. As a result, I have reached an agreement with DHEC to close the water system to public use. I am petitioning the Public Service Commission ("PSC") today to abandon the water system based upon the agreement with DHEC and the financial condition of the company.

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Darren Stevens
Owner, Suburban Water Company

cc: Charles Terreni, Public Service Commission
Karen Ramos, DHEC

**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

Richard & Lucille Weeks
137 Edgewater Lane
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Weeks:

As you are aware, I have been unable to adequately operate and maintain the public water system that currently provides water to your residence in the Blacksgate Bundrick Subdivision. Suburban Water Company has been the subject of enforcement actions by the Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") for the past several years. I have not provided an operator to ensure that the water is safe and to issue boil water advisories in the case of line breaks. In addition, certain repairs have been ordered by DHEC and I have been unable to make such repairs. As a result, I have reached an agreement with DHEC to close the water system to public use. I am petitioning the Public Service Commission ("PSC") today to abandon the water system based upon the agreement with DHEC and the financial condition of the company.

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Darren Stevens
Owner, Suburban Water Company

cc: Charles Terreni, Public Service Commission
Karen Ramos, DHEC

**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

Ms. Becky Talbert
1351 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

Dear Ms. Talbert:

As you are aware, I have been unable to adequately operate and maintain the public water system that currently provides water to your residence in the Blacksgate Bundrick Subdivision. Suburban Water Company has been the subject of enforcement actions by the Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") for the past several years. I have not provided an operator to ensure that the water is safe and to issue boil water advisories in the case of line breaks. In addition, certain repairs have been ordered by DHEC and I have been unable to make such repairs. As a result, I have reached an agreement with DHEC to close the water system to public use. I am petitioning the Public Service Commission ("PSC") today to abandon the water system based upon the agreement with DHEC and the financial condition of the company.

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cc: Charles Terreni, Public Service Commission
Karen Ramos, DHEC

**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

Mr. Noland Livingston
112 Bundrick Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

Dear Mr. Livingston:


As you are aware, I have been unable to adequately operate and maintain the public water system that currently provides water to your residence in the Black's Gate Bundrick Subdivision. Suburban Water Company has been the subject of enforcement actions by the Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") for the past several years. I have not provided an operator to ensure that the water is safe and to issue boil water advisories in the case of line breaks. In addition, certain repairs have been ordered by DHEC and I have been unable to make such repairs. As a result, I have reached an agreement with DHEC to close the water system to public use. I am petitioning the Public Service Commission ("PSC") today to abandon the water system based upon the agreement with DHEC and the financial condition of the company.

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Darren Stevens
Owner, Suburban Water Company

cc: Charles Terreni, Public Service Commission
Karen Ramos, DHEC

**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

Ms. Carol Liles
136 Edgewater Lane
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

Dear Ms. Liles:

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Owner, Suburban Water Company

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Karen Ramos, DHEC

**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

Mr. Jack Hill
142 Bundrick Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

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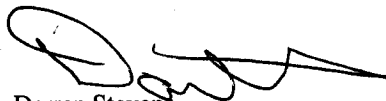
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Owner, Suburban Water Company

cc: Charles Terreni, Public Service Commission
Karen Ramos, DHEC

**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

Mr. Ed B. Dawkins
1210 M Avenue
Cayce, South Carolina 29033

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

Dear Mr. Dawkins:

As you are aware, I have been unable to adequately operate and maintain the public water system that currently provides water to your property at 1343 Brady Porth Road in the Blacksgate Bundrick Subdivision. Suburban Water Company has been the subject of enforcement actions by the Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") for the past several years. I have not provided an operator to ensure that the water is safe and to issue boil water advisories in the case of line breaks. In addition, certain repairs have been ordered by DHEC and I have been unable to make such repairs. As a result, I have reached an agreement with DHEC to close the water system to public use. I am petitioning the Public Service Commission ("PSC") today to abandon the water system based upon the agreement with DHEC and the financial condition of the company.

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**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

Mr. Donald Evans
237 Porth Circle
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

Dear Mr. Evans:

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cc: Charles Terreni, Public Service Commission
Karen Ramos, DHEC

**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

Mr. David Crosby
1359 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

Dear Mr. Crosby:

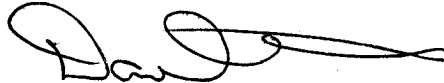
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**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

Mr. Ronald Callahan
133 Edgewater Lane
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

Dear Mr. Callahan:

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**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

James & Autumn Kay Alexander
1359 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Alexander:

As you are aware, I have been unable to adequately operate and maintain the public water system that currently provides water to your residence in the Black's Gate Bundrick Subdivision. Suburban Water Company has been the subject of enforcement actions by the Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") for the past several years. I have not provided an operator to ensure that the water is safe and to issue boil water advisories in the case of line breaks. In addition, certain repairs have been ordered by DHEC and I have been unable to make such repairs. As a result, I have reached an agreement with DHEC to close the water system to public use. I am petitioning the Public Service Commission ("PSC") today to abandon the water system based upon the agreement with DHEC and the financial condition of the company.

This notice is to inform you that, subject to approval by the PSC, the distribution line to your residence and the tank will be removed as soon as all customers have found an alternative water source and been connected to that source. If, however, you do not begin to take action to connect to such alternate water source within sixty (60) days, you are subject to being disconnected as soon as all customers who have expeditiously sought such connections have an alternative water source in place and the PSC has approved the abandonment.

Please be advised that water bills will continue to be issued until you inform me that you no longer need connection to the Suburban water system. At that time, your individual distribution line will be disconnected. In the event, however, that it is necessary for you or your contractor to disconnect the distribution line in order to connect to another water source, this letter authorizes you to do so.

I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you.

Sincerely,



Darren Stevens
Owner, Suburban Water Company

cc: Charles Terreni, Public Service Commission
Karen Ramos, DHEC

**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Powell
3720 Leaphart Road
West Columbia, South Carolina 29169

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Powell:

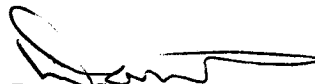
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**Suburban Water Company
1213 Brady Porth Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29071**

September 30, 2005

Mr. Hugh Brannon
113 Edgewater Lane
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

Re: Suburban Water Company Public Water System #3250011

Dear Mr. Brannon:

As you are aware, I have been unable to adequately operate and maintain the public water system that currently provides water to your residence and your other property located at 124 Edgewater Lane in the Blacksgate Bundrick Subdivision. Suburban Water Company has been the subject of enforcement actions by the Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") for the past several years. I have not provided an operator to ensure that the water is safe and to issue boil water advisories in the case of line breaks. In addition, certain repairs have been ordered by DHEC and I have been unable to make such repairs. As a result, I have reached an agreement with DHEC to close the water system to public use. I am petitioning the Public Service Commission ("PSC") today to abandon the water system based upon the agreement with DHEC and the financial condition of the company.

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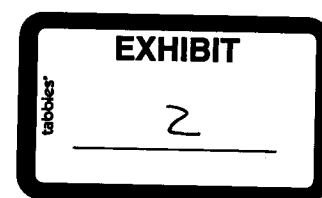
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON) FOR THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
) CA No.: 04-CP-32-2838
South Carolina Department of Health
and Environmental Control,
) Plaintiff,
) -vs-) CONSENT ORDER FOR DISMISSAL
) Darren Stevens d/b/a Suburban
Water Company,
) Defendant.
_____)

WHEREAS, Plaintiff, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC or the Department), is an agency of the state of South Carolina, vested with all the powers, functions and duties granted to the Department and its officers and agents by statute, and has regulatory authority over management of the State Safe Drinking Water Act, S.C. code Ann. §§ 44-55-10 et seq. (2002) and the Regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, *State Primary Drinking Water Regulations*, 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-58 (Supp. 2004) and *Environmental Protection Fees Regulation*, 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs 61-30 (Supp. 2004); and

WHEREAS, Defendant, Darren Stevens d/b/a Suburban Water Company ("Stevens"), is responsible for the proper operation and maintenance of the public water system (PWS) that serves residents of Blacksgate Bundrick, in, Lexington County, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Defendant Stevens was issued Administrative order 03-186-DW on October 8, 2003, which cited him for violations of the State Safe Drinking Water Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 44-55-10 et seq. (2002) for failing to: 1) pay the required fees to the



Department for fiscal years 2001 through 2004; 2) monitor for nitrate for the referenced PWS for the 2002 calendar year monitoring period; 3) monitor for lead and copper for the referenced PWS during the January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003 monitoring period; 4) perform public notification for non-monitoring for nitrate and lead and copper for the referenced PWS; 5) properly operate and maintain the referenced PWS; 6) obtain a permit to construct from the Department prior to installing additional service connections for the referenced PWS; 7) obtain approval from the Department prior to placing additional service connections for the referenced PWS into operation; 8) have an operator of the appropriate grade maintaining the distribution system for the referenced PWS; and 9) comply with Operating Permit No. 3250011 Part II.B, in that Respondent failed to submit to the Department a preliminary engineering report (PER) to address system upgrades as required by the Permit.

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 03-186-DW became final as written after Defendant Stevens failed to appeal the order to the Administrative Law Court within the fifteen (15) day period prescribed by S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-72 and the Rules of Procedure for the Administrative Law Court; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of Defendant Stevens' offer to abandon the referenced PWS in accordance with Public Service Commission procedures and upon notice to customers, Plaintiff DHEC agrees to waive the assessed civil penalty of Thirty-three Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$33,500.00).

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, CONSENTED TO AND AGREED that Defendant Stevens will do the following:

- (1) No later than November 1, 2005, notify, in writing, the remaining residents who remain on the Suburban Water System, that the System will be closed and

that the residents must find an alternative water source, and also provide the residents with a reasonable period of time for them to locate that source.

- (2) No later than thirty (30) days after notification by the Department that all residents are either connected to an alternative source or have failed to timely seek an alternative source, abandon the existing Suburban Water System, Permit # 325001, by physically disconnecting each service connection and then contact the Department's Region 3, Environmental Quality Control office at (803)896-0620 to schedule a date and time to verify proper abandonment of the distribution system. Defendant Stevens agrees that residents are authorized to disconnect their individual distribution lines in order to connect to an alternative water source and Defendant Stevens will verify that such disconnections have been accomplished.
- (3) No later than thirty (30) days after notification by the Department that all residents are either connected to an alternative source or have failed to timely seek an alternative source, either have the well properly abandoned by a South Carolina certified licensed well driller and submit a copy of the completed well log close out for 1903 to the Department or have the well connected to one residence for use as a residential well and contact the Department's Region 3 Environmental Quality Control office at (803)896-0620 to schedule a date and time to verify proper abandonment of the well or to verify that the well is a residential well.
- (4) Pay the balance of the annual drinking water fees owed for the fiscal years 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006, which total **Four Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy-three Dollars and Twenty-eight Cents (\$4,273.28)**. The fees shall be paid in twelve (12) consecutive monthly installments. The first eleven (11) payments of **Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)** shall be submitted to the Department on the fifteenth (15th) of each month, and each month thereafter, beginning on January 15, 2006 and ending on November 15, 2006. The last and twelfth (12th) payment of **Two Thousand, Seventy-three Dollars and Twenty-eight Cents** will be made on December 15, 2006 and will constitute the annual drinking water fees as being paid-in-full.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, CONSENTED TO, AND AGREED that with this Consent Order of Dismissal, the issues underlying Administrative Order 03-186-DW are resolved and this proceeding is hereby dismissed.

IT IS ALSO FURTHER ORDERED, CONSENTED TO, AND AGREED, that if Defendant Stevens does not comply with every provision of this Order, that the entire waived

civil penalty (\$33,500.00), will be re-instated and that Plaintiff DHEC reserves the right to re-institute civil action against Defendant for non-compliance with this Order.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

Presiding Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

Date

WE CONSENT,



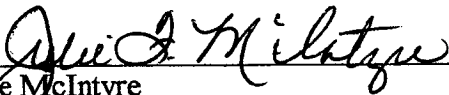
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29 Sept 05
Date



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September 29, 2005
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BEFORE
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IN RE: Public Water System #3250011
Suburban Water System
a/k/a Black's Gate Bundrick

PETITION TO ABANDON
PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

The undersigned for the Suburban Water Company ("Petitioner") states that he has on September 30, 2005, served upon the necessary parties the **Petition to Abandon Public Water System**, via U.S. mail, addressed as follows:

Florence Belser, Esq.
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Office of Regulatory Staff
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Columbia, South Carolina 29211

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Department of Health and Environmental Control
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Darren E. Stevens
for Suburban Water Company

Columbia, South Carolina
September 30, 2005